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Chapter 2 and 3 Reflection

Chapter 2 and 3 of the class textbook were interesting as well as boring in some aspects. I found chapter 3 highly interesting because of the evolutionary changes throughout education. The fact that a school’s budget went from $2 billion dollars to $208 billion dollars in 1990 is fascinating. Also as I’m a student with an interest in Psychology as major I think it’s strange that B.F. Skinner was one of the earliest educational psychologists. He was considered a strange psychologist because of his studies and experiments. B.F. Skinner had a mindset that things were learned through reinforcement and I don’t necessarily believe education is a reinforcement process.

Education started as this small thing that wasn’t really important which people today probably cannot comprehend. The fist steps to education were in the year 35 when the Romans created schools called ludis that were rudiments of reading and writing. I think it’s interesting that it took them until the years 1000-1300 to realize education was actually important and called the age the revival of learning. I find it also surprising that private schools that were considered universities were created before even high schools or middle schools were established. I think Chapter 3 was more interesting because it compared early education to today while Chapter 2 was mainly focused on the history of education.